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Dear Sir:

Subject: Commission Exhibit No. 111, of the
President's Commission on the Assass-
ination of President John F. Kennedy

In a letter dated 16 June 1968 from the Director NSA to
Mr. Rankin, General Counsel, the Director stated regarding
CE-111, "It is considered most unlikely that this process
of letter removal has any cryptographic implication".
It seems to me that Exhibit 111 is an example of a geo-
metrical technique known as the ⁴²⁵Turning Grille Cipher.

The Grille cipher is a rather elementary technique and I
fail to understand how it was that the cryptologist at
NSA or their supervisors could not have been aware of
this. Would you please inform me as to whether or not
the Agency still maintains this position?

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (3)